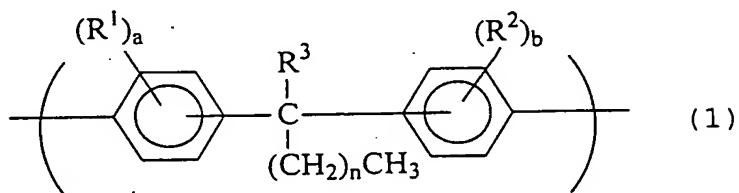


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An electrophotographic photoconductor has an electroconductive support and a photoconductive layer which is formed thereon and contains at least one resin of a polyurethane resin, a polyester resin, or a polycarbonate resin, each resin having at least a structural unit of formula (1):



wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ ,  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $n$  are the same as those specified in the specification. An electrophotographic image forming apparatus and method, and a process cartridge employ the above photoconductor. A long-chain alkyl group containing bisphenol compound is represented by formula (2):

